



Gilchrist Hospice Care Policy

TITLE: Admission Criteria for Hospice Care

POLICY #: 2-203

I. POLICY

Gilchrist Hospice Care admits patients and their families into the hospice program based on the established criteria.

II. PROCEDURE:

- A. The Gilchrist Hospice Care admits a patient only on the recommendation of the medical director in consultation with, or with input from, the patient's attending physician (if any).
- B. In reaching a decision to certify that the patient is terminally ill, the Gilchrist Hospice Care medical director will consider at least the following information:
 1. Diagnosis of the terminal condition of the patient.
 2. Other health conditions, whether related or unrelated to the terminal condition.
 3. Current medications and treatment orders
 4. Information relevant to the patient's medical management of conditions unrelated to the terminal diagnosis.
 5. Current clinically relevant information supporting all diagnoses.
- C. Additional criteria for admission include:
 1. The patient is under the care of a physician who is willing to assume responsibility for medical care/ management (community physician or Hospice Medical Director).
 2. The physician certifies that the patient has a life limiting illness with the prognosis of weeks or months.
 3. The patient consents to Gilchrist Hospice Care participating in the hospice care.
 4. The prospective patient/family lives within the Gilchrist Hospice Care service area.

5. The patient and family desire services and interventions from Gilchrist Hospice Care that is palliative and not curative in nature.
6. There is a designated Health Care Decision Maker who is willing to assume responsibility for managing the patient services provided by Gilchrist Hospice Care in order to address identified patient needs. The Health Care Decision Maker (HCDM) also agrees to collaborate with the interdisciplinary group members and to communicate patient choices should the patient not be able.

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